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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Applicants thank the examiner for the opportunity afforded their undersigned representative, Frank Tise, to conduct a telephonic interview with the examiner on January 29, 2008. In that interview, the bases for the restriction requirement were discussed, as well as how certain proposed claim amendments might affect unity of invention. It was agreed that Applicants would respond to the restriction requirement with an election, optionally accompanied by amendments to the claims.

Claims 1-27 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-19. Applicants submit that claims 21 and 22 also properly belong in Group I, because they depend ultimately from claim 1. This election is made WITH TRAVERSE, and Applicants reserve the right to argue at a later time that the currently claimed invention is patentable over the cited Kinoshita reference and that the claims have in common at least one special technical feature, i.e., the recited Ra and/or Rq values.

Independent claims 1, 20, 23, 24 and their dependents are amended herewith to more distinctly set forth the claimed subject matter. No new matter has been added. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for substantive examination, and invite the examiner to contact their undersigned representative, Frank Tise, if this would appear to facilitate examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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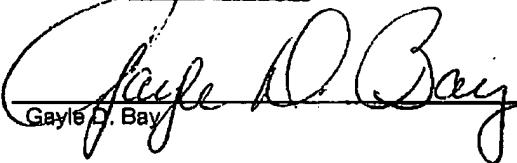
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